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**REMARKS**

Claims 27, 32, and 33 have been amended to describe a connector fitting as elected by Applicants. Applicants have added new dependent claims 38-50. New claims 38-46 and 48-49 are directed to the invention and species elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed herewith. New claims 47 and 50, as well as amended claim 27 are being presented for consideration in the event that (1) the Examiner withdraws the Species restriction or (2) a generic claim is held allowable. At least independent claims 28 and 34 are generic to all of the species. Claims 1-26 are directed to a non-elected invention and thus have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 28-46 and 48-49 are currently pending in the application and examination on the merits of these claims therefore is respectfully requested.

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